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Dear Sol:

Thank you for sending the de Fonbrune micromanipulator (equipment identification label 4803) which has been received here in essentially good order. Please remind us if you come to need it before you anticipated.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg Professor of Genetics

P.S. The coupling in the receiver is badly misaligned (probably after a re-soldering you likely had to have done of the internal connections). I think we can correct the condition without any risk, from our experience with our own instrument. The alignment had thrown the outside shaft against the collar, keeping this from moving in precise planes, and binding it altogether at one side.

There is also a suspicious nick in the diaphragm for the vertical motion-I hope it doesn't grow into a crack. At any rate, you will get your machine back in at least as good condition as we received it, and thanks very much.